

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-24. (Canceled)

25. (Currently Amended) A method for washing a vehicle, the method comprising steps of:

(a) applying water against a solid detergent provided within a solid detergent reservoir to generate a liquid detergent concentrate, wherein the solid detergent is provided in the form of a block, and the water applied against the solid detergent is provided at a relatively constant temperature within a range of about 40°C and about 150°C as a result of heating in a water heater;

(b) collecting the liquid detergent concentrate in a liquid detergent concentrate reservoir, wherein the solid detergent reservoir, the water heater, and the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir are components of a device for generating a liquid detergent concentrate from a solid detergent;

(c) withdrawing liquid detergent concentrate from the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir and combining the liquid detergent concentrate with water to provide a use solution; and

(d) washing the vehicle with the use solution.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising:

(a) monitoring the amount of liquid detergent concentrate within the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir and providing a first signal and a second signal, the first signal indicating when sufficient liquid detergent concentrate is provided within the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir and the second signal indicating when more liquid detergent concentrate is needed within the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir;

28. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 27 further comprising:

(a) controlling the flow of water against the solid detergent provided within the solid detergent reservoir based on the first signal and the second signal.

29. (Canceled)

30. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the relatively constant temperature comprises a temperature that is allowed to fluctuate within a range of about 10°F.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Canceled)

33. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the water is controlled at a temperature of about 80°F to about 140°F.

34. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, further comprising a step of:

(a) heating the water in a hot water heater prior to the step of applying water against a solid detergent.

35. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the solid detergent comprises surfactant in an amount of about 1.0 wt.% to about 80 wt.%.

36. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the solid detergent comprises surfactant in an amount of about 5 wt.% to about 65 wt.%.

37. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the method further comprises a step of:

(a) removing the liquid detergent concentrate from the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir and diluting the liquid detergent concentrate with a water to form a use solution.

38. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 25, wherein the method further comprises a step of:

(a) directing the use solution to a vehicle wash system.

Support for Amendment

The amendment to claim 25 characterizes the solid detergent as a block. This amendment is supported by the specification at, for example, page 4, line 13 through page 5, line 13. Claim 25 is additionally amended to characterize the water being applied to the solid detergent as having been heated in a water heater to provide the water at a temperature within a range of about 40°F and about 150°F. This amendment is supported by the specification at page 9, lines 12-20. Claim 25 is additionally amended to reflect that the solid detergent reservoir, the liquid detergent concentrate reservoir, and the water heater are components of a device for generating a liquid detergent concentrate from a solid detergent. This feature is clearly shown by Figures 1 and 2.

It is additionally pointed out that the amendments to claim 25 are supported by the features of canceled claims 26, 29, 31, and 32.

No new matter is introduced by this amendment, and entry thereof is requested. Upon entry, claims 25, 27, 28, 30, and 33-38 are active in this application.